

IDENTIFICATION: The Louisiana Quillwort (*Isoetes louisianensis*) is a small, grasslike, seedless, aquatic plant closely related to the fern. Its leaves can grow to 16 inches long. It occurs predominately on sandbars of smaller streams.



Photograph by Carl Taylor

FORESTRY CONSIDERATIONS: Since this plant lives in or underwater, forestry practices affecting water quality are the only concern for this species.

DISTRIBUTION BY COUNTY: Difficult to accurately identify, this plant is known to exist in certain counties in Louisiana and Mississippi. In Alabama, the Louisiana quillwort has been confirmed in Monroe County. Plant samples possibly from this aquatic species have been retrieved from Conecuh and Escambia Counties, but confirmation is still pending. The Louisiana quillwort, however, has the greatest potential to live and thrive in Mobile and Washington Counties.



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